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SUBJ: POSITION RECLASSIFICATIONS

1. CAIRO REOPENED AS A CLASS I MISSION IN MARCH 1974. SINCE THAT DATE, OPERATIONAL AND PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES, AND MISSION RESPONSIBILITIES HAVE DRAMATICALLY INCREASED. ALTHOUGH STAFF HAS BEEN KEPT TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM, THERE HAS NECESSARILY BEEN AN INCREASE IN NUMBERS. THIS RAPID GROWTH REFLECTS THE TRADITIONAL IMPORTANCE OF EGYPT IN A REGIONAL CONTEXT, GREATLY AMPLIFIED BY ITS MORE RECENT EMERGENCE AS A SIGNIFICANT FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL MATTERS, AND IN PARTICULAR THE EXTREMELY BROAD AND INTENSEIVE RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED WITH THE U.S. SINCE 1973.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO REQUEST UPGRADING OF THE LEVELS OF CERTAIN POSITIONS SO THEY MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT CURRENT INCUMBENT RESPONSIBILITIES. MOST OF THE NEWER POSITIONS ARE PROPERLY CLASSIFIED. OTHERS, BECAUSE OF INCREASED AND SHIFTING RESPONSIBILITIES, MAY REQUIRE REVIEW AT A LATER DATE. THESE WILL BE HANDLED AS THE NEED ARISES. THE POSITIONS CITED BELOW SHOULD BE UPGRADED IMMEDIATELY.

PRESENT RECOMMENDED

POSITION TITLE	LEVEL	LEVEL	INCUMBENT
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10-009 POLITICAL OFFICER	FSO-3	FSO-2	LOWRIE
10-019 POLITICAL OFFICER	FSO-5	FSO-3	GLASPIE
20-030 ECON/COM OFFICER	FSO-3	FSO-2	PECK
20-031 INTERNATIONAL ECONO-	FSO-4	FSO-3	CRAIG
MIST			
50-006 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	FSO-3	FSO-2	GERLACH

55-011 COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERFSRU-6 FSRU-5 GREGORIO

3. SIGNIFICANT DATA:

THEBROADER DIMENSIONS AND STEADY RISE OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CHALLENGES HAVE RESULTED IN ACROSS THE BOARD INCREASES IN REPORTING, NEGOTIATING, REPRESENTATIONAL AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES, SERVICES PERFORMED AND PERSONNEL ASSIGNED. STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATA RECORDED BELOW INCLUDES ALL USG AGENCIES EXCEPT AS NOTED.
PERSONNEL (EXCEPT NAMRU)

	NOV. 73	NOV 74	NOV. 75	NOV. 76
US ON-BOARD	12	58	84	137
US AUTHORIZED	17	60	85	170
FSL ON-BOARD	87	126	161	224
FSL AUTHORIZED	89	135	188	284

CONSITITUENT POSTS

	NOV. 73	NOV. 74	NOV. 75	NOV. 76
ALEXANDRIA & PORT SAID	0	1	1	2

USG AGENCIES (FSI, SFM & MSG COUNTED SEPARATELY)
WITH AMERICAN REPRE-
SENTATION

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RM POLITICAL SECTION

10-009 IS THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR POSITION. PRIOR TO 1975, THE EMBASSY OPERATED WITH A COMBINED POL/ECON/COMML SECTION CONSISTING OF FIVE OFFICERS, THREE SECERETARIES AND FIVE FSL'S THE SENIOR POLITICAL OFFICER WAS COUNSELOR OF THE COMBINED SECTION. IN 1975 SEPARATE SECTIONS WERE ESTABLISHED AND A COUNSELOR WAS NAMED FOR EACH. WITH DEVELOPMENT OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST THE RESPONSIBILITITY CHARGED TO THE POLITICAL SECTION FAR EXCEEDS THAT OF THE EARLIER COMBINED SECTION AND THE TWO POSITIONS THAT HAVE SPECIFICALLY PICKED UP THE SLACK IN THIS AREA ARE 10-009 AND 10-019. THE QUEST FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS EXPECTED TO BE RENEWED SHORTLY AND EGYPT HAS A KEY ROLE TO PLAY AS THESE DEVELOPMENTS UNFOLD. SORTING OUT AND REPORTING ON THE COMPLEXITIES OF EGYPTIAN POLITICAL LIFE AND THE CRITICAL NATURE OF GOE/USG RELATIONSHIP NOW DICTATE UPGRADING OF THE TOP TWO PO-

LITICAL POSITIONS.

5. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION.

CONSIDERATIONS RELEVANT TO THE INCREASED REPORTING AND REPRESENTATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF POLITICAL OFFICERS AT THE POST PERTAIN EQUALLY TO THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION. THE INITIAL COMPLEMENT OF TWO US OFFICERS AND FIVE FSL'S HAS GROWN TO SEVEN US EMPLOYEES AND TEN FSL'S IN THE SECTION, WITH THE COUNSELOR (20-030) CHARGED WITH OVERALL SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT IN ADDITION TO HIS SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITIES. POLICY-ORIENTED ECONOMIC REPORTING AND THE EMBASSY'S COMMERCIAL PROMOTION PROGRAM HAVE BECOME OF GREATER AND GREATER IMPORTANCE DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, AND IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT EGYPT IS NOW THE RECIPIENT OF THE LARGEST US ECONOMIC AID PROGRAM IN THE WORLD. FULFILLMENT OF THE SUPERVISORY, SUBSTANTIVE AND AID LIAISON DUTIES OF THE POSITION REQUIRE THAT THE E/C COUNSELOR BE AT THE SENIOR OFFICER LEVEL. IN THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTEXT, THE HEIGHTENED RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIST (20-031) FOR INTERPRETATION OF EGYPT'S COMPLEX ECONOMIC SCENE AS UNDERPINNING FOR USG POLICY INITIATIVES, PLUS FUTURE DUTIES AS STAND-IN FOR THE THE E/C COUNSELOR IN HIS ABSENCE, REQUIRE THAT THIS POSITION ALSO BE RAISED IN RANK.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR (50-006) HAVE PARALLELED RECENT GROWTH OF THE MISSION STAFF. A JAO OPERATION BEGAN ON OCTOBER 1976 AND WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, THE EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION PROVIDES ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO ALL USG AGENCIES. DESIGNATED RESPONSIBILITIES NOW REQUIRE THAT THIS POSITION BE AT THE SENIOR OFFICER LEVEL. THE SENIOR COMMUNICATOR (55-011) GRADE LEVEL WAS SUFFICIENT FOR THE ROUTINE DEMANDS THAT EXISTED BEFORE 1974. HOWEVER, IT IS UNDERCLASSIFIED FOR THE SCOPE OF WORK NOW CHARGED TO THE INCUMBENT. IN ADDITION TO TRAFFIC INCREASE AND SUPPLEMENTARY STAFF NECESSARY TO EFFECTIVELY PROCESS THIS TRAFFIC, INCUMBENT OF THIS POSITION IS CHARGED WITH A NEW UNDERCLASSIFIED WIREROOM, AN ON-LINE CIRCUIT TO ALEXANDRIA, POST TELEPHONE AND RADIO COMMUNICATION LINKS AND CONSTANT LIAISON WITH GOE PTT OFFICIALS ON EVER-PRESENT COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY IN ATTEMPTING TO ACQUITE NON-EXISTENT TELEPHONE LINES FOR RESIDENCES OF NEWLY ARRIVED PERSONNEL.

7. THE EMBASSY WILL APPRECIATE EARLY CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST.

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